



Certification and Re-certification Requirements for Professional Engineers

Certification

ESC: If you are a licensed professional engineer (PE), you do not have to take the ESC plan reviewer classes or pass the ESC plan reviewer exam to review ESC plans. PEs may take the ESC plan reviewer classes and the ESC plan reviewer exam ([9VAC25-850-40](#)) if they choose.

To work as an ESC combined administrator, inspector, or program administrator ([9VAC25-850-40](#)), a PE must complete the appropriate course(s) & pass the respective exam(s).

SWM: If you are a PE, you are not exempt from any SWM certification requirements. All PEs must complete the appropriate course(s) and pass the appropriate exam for their SWM classification ([9VAC25-850-40](#)).

Re-certification

ESC: PEs can re-certify any existing ESC certification by maintaining their PE license and paying the re-certification fee ([9VAC25-850-50](#)).

SWM: PEs can re-certify any SWM certification by simply maintaining their PE license and paying the re-certification fee ([9VAC25-850-50](#)).

Responsible Land Disturber (RLD)

Can I be considered a Responsible Land Disturber (RLD) if I have Virginia Professional Engineer, Land Surveyor, Landscape Architect, or Architect License?

Yes. An individual holding a valid license as a: Virginia Professional Engineer, Land Surveyor, Landscape Architect, Architect, or Professional Soil Scientist can be considered a RLD without further training, certification, or fees. The RLD shall be a member of the project team or development team; not an employee of the plan approving authority.